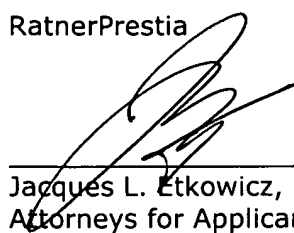


**Remarks/Arguments:**

Applicants have amended the claims and abstract to place them in U.S. form. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests therefore that the amendments be entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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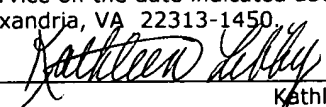
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